



# RESEARCH REPORT

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## ISSUE

The Arizona Humane Society (AZHS) has advised this office of their intention to submit a bid through the privatization process. Based upon the later information, AZHS expects to cease providing these services at no cost to Maricopa County during the next fiscal year.

## DISCUSSION

Maricopa County R/AC furnishes no veterinarian facilities or equipment for caring for sick and injured animals. R/AC currently relies on the Arizona Humane Society (AZHS) to provide these services as well as to perform pick-up of injured animals, (referred to as ambulance calls), respond to abandonment and cruelty calls, and additional sheltering of strays. It is to this degree that AZHS subsidizes Maricopa County R/AC by accepting and sheltering 14,000 strays annually, responding to 7,000 ambulance calls and 9,000 abandoned and/or cruelty pick-ups annually. The cost for Maricopa County to provide these additional 30,000 units of service is estimated at \$1,542,000\* annually.

<u>Services Noted Above</u>	<u>FY 1995-96 R/AC Statistics</u>	<u>FY 1995-96 Humane Society</u>	<u>Number of Potential County Impact</u>
Animals impounded	57,500	14,000	71,500
Field Calls	26,400	16,000	42,400
TOTALS	83,900	30,000	113,900

\*Based upon FY 1995-96 R/AC actual expenditures (Field \$1,875,000, Shelter/Impounds \$1,650,000), divided by number of animals served.

<u>All Services*</u>	<u>FY 95-96 R/AC Expenses</u>	<u>Cost of Additional Services Provided by Humane Society</u>	<u>Potential County Expenses</u>
Impounds	\$1,650,000	\$406,000	\$2,056,000
Field Calls	\$1,875,000	\$1,136,000	\$3,011,000
Admin.	\$1,160,000		\$1,160,000
TOTALS	\$4,685,000	\$1,542,000	\$6,227,000

## CONCLUSION

The cost to provide Rabies/Animal Control Services in Maricopa County during FY 1997-98 will increase due to AZHS decision to charge for providing County mandated services. The financial impact remains undetermined at this time. It is anticipated that these services will not exceed \$2,000,000 annually.